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SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK OFFERS MOONLIGHT PROGRAMMING IN THE TUCSON MOUNTAIN DISTRICT (WEST)

Tucson, AZ – Saguaro National Park is inviting the Tucson community to out to the Tucson Mountain District (west) and discover the beauty of the desert under the moonlight. Naturalist-guided hikes among the majestic saguaro cactus will be held near the time of the full moon in November, and a patio program on the night of the full moon itself features its rise over the peaks of the Tucson Mountains.

The “*Twilight Glow to Moon Shadows*” hike is an easy 2½ mile, 3 to 3½ hour stroll that allows you to experience the desert in the twilight glow and then discover the mystic moon shadows that will accompany the group to the hike’s end. This hike will be held on Saturday, November 24, beginning at 3:45 p.m. (*Reservations required*)

The “*Sunset Hike*” takes participants on a 3½ mile, 3½ to 4 hour hike that climbs 700 feet to a beautiful ridge for viewing the setting sun, then returns under the light of the moon. The program begins at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 25. (*Reservations required*)

The “*Moon Take Night, Make Day*” program is a gentle, relatively flat 2½ mile, 3 hour walk up a desert wash during the transition of day to night. Enjoy the sunset and return in the moonlit desert. This program begins at 3:45 p.m. on Monday, November 26. (*Reservations required*)

“*Moonrise Over the Mountains*” is a patio talk held at the Red Hills Visitor Center. Accompanied by stories and legends of moon lore, this 45 minute campfire program allows a relaxing view of the full moon as it rises above the cactus forest. Bring a lawn chair and warm clothing. Everyone is welcome! This program begins at 6:00p.m. on Wednesday, November 28. (*No reservations necessary, Wheelchair accessible*)

For more information or reservations for any of the listed programs, call (520) 733-5158.

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